

Money Talks Recommendations: Financial Empowerment Websites

NEFE.org

National Endowment for Financial Education is the leading nonprofit national foundation dedicated to inspiring empowered financial decision-making for individuals and families.

CashCourse.org

This student financial literacy resource is provided by the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE). This non-profit foundation has been around for more than 30 years and is committed to educating Americans on a broad range of financial topics and empowering them to make positive and sound decisions to reach their financial goals. This site is a great resource for students speaking to many of the common financial pitfalls they may encounter during their college years.

TheMoneyClubHouse.org

Their motto is "Where Fun Meets Financial Literacy Education." The Money Club House helps teach kids, teens and adults that learning how money works can be fun, motivating and life changing. The hands-on activities, projects and games help shape a curriculum geared toward today's 21st century learning styles, and their online presence provides informative articles and educational testimonies.

One For Your Money

This up and coming financial literacy web resource is the brain child of Mary Johnson. College students can gain access to a one-stop-shop for financial tips and money management information, bringing together videos, articles, and other financial tools to keep things new and exciting.

Mint.com

No... this is not the federal treasury where all the U.S. currency is created. Mint.com is a free online budgeting tool that provides the necessary tools for people to meet their financial goals. They attempt to make everything simple and streamlined when it comes to savings, checking, investment, mortgage and automobile loan goals.

Bankrate.com

This website should be your #1 resource when it comes to managing debt. The site provides tools that help compare credit cards, look at college financing options, track interest rates, maximize tax strategies, identify the best investment and savings vehicles, rate and rank insurance companies, and so much more...

EducationCents.org

If you are looking for a three-pronged approach to financial literacy, then you don't have to look any further. This site utilizes an interactive website with a self-paced curriculum and partners it with presentations and a printable guide to help get visitors on the path to financial literacy. The resources are all free and the site is underwritten by the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Spendster.org

Did you ever purchase something and then have regrets about the amount of money you spent? If so, then check out Spendster.org. The site provides a nice "reality check," since it serves as an outlet for folks to share short videos depicting outlandish purchases with their reflections on why they shouldn't have. They currently have over \$2 billion dollars of "lousy" purchases tracked on their website. Spendster.org is a great forum for people to talk about adopting good spending habits.

JumpStart.org

Jumpstart's tag line is "Financial Smarts For Students." JumpStart is a national coalition of organizations that are dedicated to improving financial literacy for students from kindergarten to college. The site provides a plethora of online activities and initiatives to help students establish a foundation focused on financial literacy.

MyGreatLakes.org

Great Lakes has long since been recognized by college students around the nation as an education loan servicing agency, and now provides Financial Literacy for students. Visit this site to gain knowledge about student loan repayment, credit ratings, tax basics, identity theft, and more.

MyMoney.gov

This is the financial literacy arm of the U.S. Government. MyMoney.gov represents a collaborative effort of over 22 federal organizations to educate citizens about proper money management. Not only do they provide a great online resource, they will send you a free personal financial toolkit if you call (888) – MyMoney.

FinancialLit.org

A non-profit provider of financial literacy education and programs.

PracticalMoneySkills.com

Puts fun in financial literacy with online educational games for students and adults.

360FinancialLiteracy.org

A free program of the nation's certified public accountants to help Americans understand their personal finances through every stage of life.

MoneyAsYouGrow.org

Developed by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability, it provides 20 essential, age-appropriate financial lessons with corresponding activities that kids need to know as they grow. The information can also be used by adults.

Proprietary Sites:

<u>DaveRamsey.com</u> <u>SusieOrman.com</u> <u>MichelleSingletary.com</u>